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By the Numbers: California's November 2012 Election

- 18,245,970** Californians registered to vote in the November 6 presidential election
- 24,491** Precincts throughout the state's 58 counties
- 154** Legislative and congressional seats up for election: 20 State Senate, 80 State Assembly, 1 U.S. Senate, 53 U.S. House of Representatives (Note: There is also a special primary election in the 4th Senate District, a seat that is scheduled for a regular election in 2014 but was vacated in September 2012.)
- 9.1 million** Vote-by-mail ballots issued (as reported by county elections officials)
- 7** Qualified political parties in California
- 3,820,545** Voters registered with no political party preference (20.9% of registered voters)
- 7,966,422** Voters registered with Democratic Party preference (43.7% of registered voters)
- 5,356,608** Voters registered with Republican Party preference (29.4% of registered voters)
- 117** Statewide *initiatives* approved by voters in the 100 years since direct democracy was established in California (Note: initiatives are one type of ballot measure www.sos.ca.gov/elections/elections_j.htm)
- 88.4%** Highest turnout percentage of registered voters in a presidential election (in 1964)
- 65.5%** Lowest turnout percentage of registered voters in a presidential election (in 1996)
- 28** Days county elections officials have to complete vote-tallying and auditing

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